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In re application of: WOODWARD et al. Group Art Unit:) Serial No. 09/848,249 Examiner: Fay, Zohreh A. Dated: May 3, 2001 For: ALPHA-2-ADRENERGIC AGONIST/ FATTY ACID COMPOSITIONS I hereby certify that this correspondence is being

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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents Box Issue Fee Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

The third paragraph on page 1 has been amended as follows:

"enhancement οf pharmacokinetic --Although the term enhancement in disposition" as used herein, may mean an permeability, an enhancement of pharmacokinetic disposition may also mean an enhancement in, for example, bioavailablity, sequestration and release characteristics of the agonists .--

The last paragraph beginning on page 2 has been amended as follows:

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